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Lab receives Air Force Association science award

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO — The Air Force Association has named Air Force Research Laboratory the 1999 recipient of its highest honor in the field of science and engineering. AFA's Theodore von Karman Award is presented annually for "the most outstanding contribution to national defense in the field of science and engineering."

The AFA presented the award at ceremonies held Sept. 15, 1999, at the AFA National Convention, in Washington, D.C. The award was presented for "continued innovative re-engineering in the face of severe budget pressures. AFRL has demonstrated its commitment to providing high quality technological support to the war-fighter. This has included teaming with industry, the military customer and academia and increased use of industrial research capabilities."

Nominations for this award are solicited from the Air Force, members and leaders of AFA and the aerospace industry, and U.S. citizens or organizations having a deep interest in aerospace activity. An AFA national awards board makes the final selection.

Major General Richard R. Paul, AFRL commander, was on hand to accept the award at this year's ceremonies. "I am deeply honored to accept this award on behalf of the men and women of the Air Force Research Laboratory. But I feel even more honored just to be a part of such a tremendous organization."

The general said AFRL is leading the way in discovering, developing and transitioning those technologies that will keep our Air Force the best in the world.

"Our people work hard with our partners in academia and industry to ensure we maintain technological superiority for the warfighter in the face of a changing global defense environment and constrained resources," said Paul. "I couldn't be prouder of them. They are truly deserving of this award." @